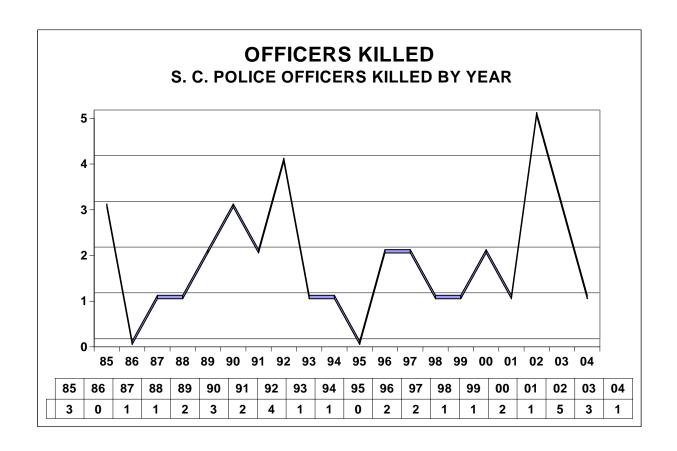
# SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED

#### **DEFINITION**

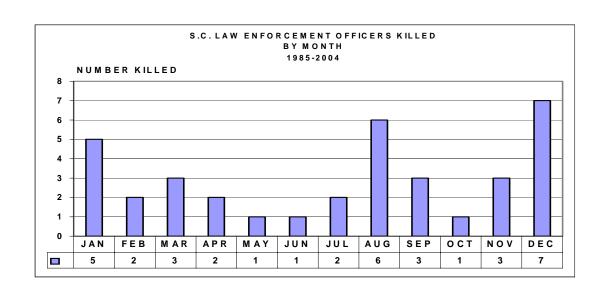
The report, *Crime in South Carolina*, covers only criminal activity. For purposes of this report, "Law Enforcement Officers Killed" refers only to those officers feloniously killed while acting in the capacity of a law enforcement officer, either on-duty or off-duty. (Annual figures for line of duty deaths in South Carolina compiled by the SC Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame include felonious assaults as well as deaths while on duty through other causes [ accidental or natural].)

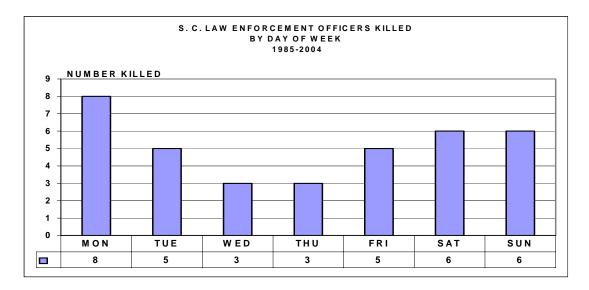


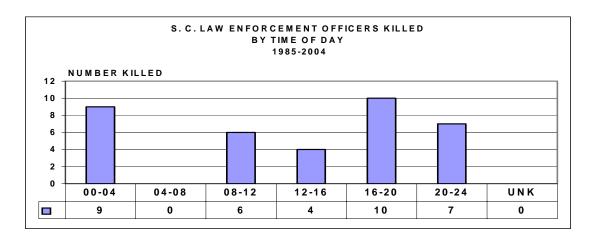
#### **2004 SUMMARY**

During 2004, one South Carolina police officer was murdered in the line of duty.

On Sunday, July 18, 2004, 56 year-old Captain James Myers, an eleven year veteran of the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety, was murdered during a confrontation with a 21 year-old male suspect. The suspect was a fugitive from Virginia, who was also wanted in connection with a robbery and murder in North Carolina, and an armed carjacking in South Carolina. Captain Myers was shot multiple times with a small caliber rifle.

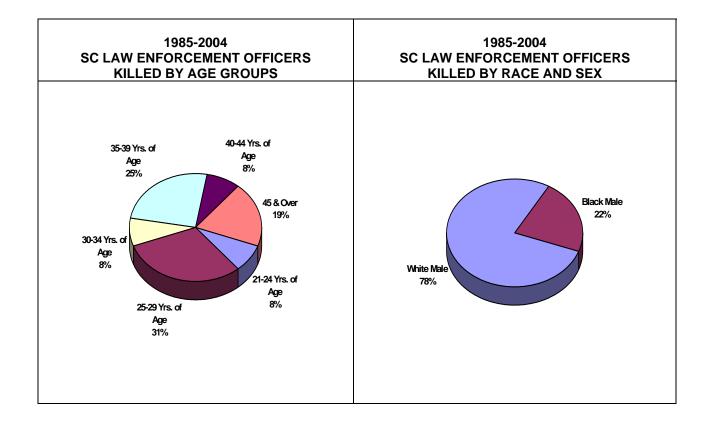






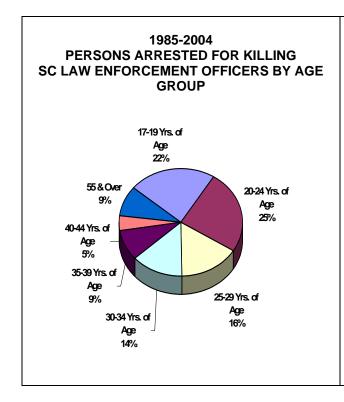
#### 1985-2004 POLICE OFFICERS KILLED BY AGE, SEX, RACE

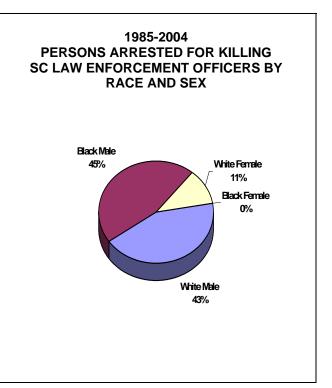
Age Group	Total	Percent Distribution	White Male	Black Male
21 – 24	3	8.3	3	0
25 – 29	11	30.6	9	2
30 – 34	3	8.3	2	1
35 – 39	9	25.0	6	3
40 – 44	3	8.3	2	1
45 – 49	3	8.3	2	1
50 – 54	1	2.8	1	0
55 – 59	1	2.8	1	0
60 & Over	2	5.6	2	0
State Total	36	100.0	28	8



### 1985-2004 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR KILLING POLICE OFFICERS BY AGE, SEX, RACE

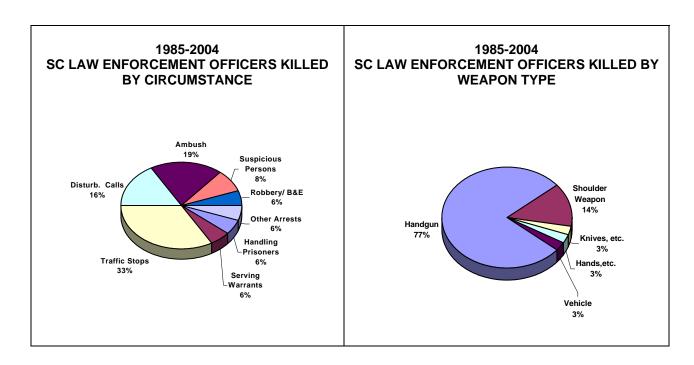
Age Group	Total	Percent Distribution	White Black Male Male		White Female	Black Female
17 – 19	10	22.7	4	4	2	0
20 – 24	11	25.0	5	5	1	0
25 – 29	7	15.9	2	5	0	0
30 – 34	6	13.6	3	2	1	0
35 – 39	4	9.1	1	3	0	0
40 – 44	2	4.5	1	1	0	0
45 – 49	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
50 – 54	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
55 – 59	1	2.3	1	0	0	0
60 & Over	3	6.8	2	0	1	0
State Total	44	100.0	19	20	5	0





1985-2004 POLICE OFFICERS KILLED BY CIRCUMSTANCE AND WEAPON TYPE

Circumstance	Total Victims	% Distr.	Handgun	Shoulder Weapon	Knife	Hands, Feet	Auto- mobile
Disturbance Call	6	16.6	4	0	1	1	0
Breaking or Entering	1	2.8	1	0	0	0	0
Robbery in Progress	1	2.8	0	1	0	0	0
Attempting Other Arrests	2	5.6	2	0	0	0	0
Handling Prisoners	2	5.6	2	0	0	0	0
Suspicious Persons	3	8.3	3	0	0	0	0
Ambush	7	19.4	4	3	0	0	0
Traffic Stop	12	33.3	11	0	0	0	1
Serving Warrants	2	5.6	1	1	0	0	0
Drug Investigation	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
State Total 20 Year Period	36	100.0	28	5	1	1	1



#### 1985-2004

## SC LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED CIRCUMSTANCE BY WEAPON

